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Dr. Herman McAllister The Council for Tabacco Research - USA, Inc. 900 Third Avenue New York, NY 10022

Dear Dr. McAllister:

I am writing to both request support for and determine participant interest in the 1991 Albany Conference, "Molecular and Cellular Responses to Oxygen", to be held on September 12-15, 1991 at the Rensselaerville Conference Center. This is the eighth in a series of successful international meetings organized by scientists employed at university and government laboratories in Albany, NY.

The Albany Conferences are organized in a collegial format - with participation limited to approximately 150 - intending to promote interaction among the participants. Along with regular sessions, we offer round-table discussions, one-on-one dialogue and excellent poster presentations. The Conference Center, a state-of-the-art facility located 27 miles southwest of Albany in the Helderberg hills, offers a pleasant atmosphere for study and recreation.

Participants at the Albany Conferences typically include scientists from university, industry and government laboratories, throughout the United States and abroad. The speakers at this year's meeting [see enclosed brochure] are molecular biologists studying regulation of gene expression by cellular redox state and those studying gene expression in response to the toxic effects of oxygen. Attention will focus on molecular mechanisms involved in the oxidative stress response and in redox control of transcription, translation, and enzyme activation. Bacterial, fungal, and mammalian systems will be included, together with consideration of clinical hyperoxia and mitochondrial diseases. The novel format of the meeting, centered around themes common to different disciplines, is intended to catalyze interactions that do not occur at typical single-topic meetings.

This year, we hope that you or one of your colleagues will be interested in attending the meeting, and we would like to solicit your help in obtaining the sponsorship of The Council for Tabacco Research - USA. As in the past, we depend, in part, on contributions from the private sector to help support the conference by covering the expenses of invited speakers.

We are requesting support at the level of \$2500. In return for this, a space at the conference will be reserved for a representative from your company and the registration fee will be waived. Certainly, we would also be pleased to receive smaller contributions. Special recognition will be given in the final program to organizations contributing at the level of \$1,000 or more.

Applications from non-sponsoring companies also are encouraged and, of course, applicants will be selected solely on the basis of their potential scientific contribution to the conference. If you are interested in attending the 1991 Conference, please respond as soon as possible, due to the late date.

Support checks (tax deductible) may be made out to *The Albany Conferences* and mailed to *P.O. Box 8836, Albany, New York 12208-0836*. If you need further information or have any questions, please feel free to call us at 518-442-4327.

Your assistance and interest is greatly appreciated.

David A. Shub, Director

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